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There are rings that look valuable, but are really only worth a few cents. Have noticed a large increase in purchases of the "gold" look ones. The cheapest looking one I noticed on the street, by a very clever manufacturer. Will give this one gold look ring like the gold ones and worth 15¢ the cheapest one I noted. When the jeweler takes in hold the innermost ring and will give the one

"My wife will wait outside until I return," he states pointing to the doctor. "If the goods are satisfactory, I will bring the money from my friend to pay for them," he adds. The man asks the doctor to wait for a moment, and neither he nor the goods is seen again.

Another city slicker approaches a fairly well dressed Chinese woman and informs her that there is a job open for an amah. The position invariably pays an attractive salary. "You are too well dressed, however," the stranger informs the woman. "Perhaps you had better leave your wraps and things with me, while you go inside the building to apply for the job." The woman proceeds to a certain room in the building designated, learns that they have no need of an amah, and returns to find the stranger and her property gone.

There is the one-eyed youth, who makes a practice of ordering flowers to be delivered at a building by cycle coolie. He meets the coolie, tells him to go upstairs and leave the flowers in a certain room, and while the coolie is gone, the stranger absconds with the bicycle, which is usually valued at about \$50.

#### Buyers Of Notes

Women have proven ready buyers of \$50 notes. They are usually paid for about \$15 cash and are later discovered to be "joss notes."

One may well conjecture as to what happens to youths met on Ningpo Road who deliver their bundles to strangers to hold, while they go to a nearby shop for cigarettes. They are usually promised a few coppers for the service.

Apprentices have proven a God-send to artful deceivers. There is the ever-recurring example of the man who stops apprentices on their way out of banks and informs the latter that the notes they carry have depreciated in value. The stranger leads these boys to another bank where, he says, the value may be given for the notes, and after a long talk with the cashier, of which the youth hears not a word, the youth is steered to a place where he can buy a 12 cent tax stamp necessary for the transaction, in which the notes are to be given full value. On the way the very obliging stranger, who, in negotiating for the full value of the note, has taken over the money, sends the boy across the street for cigarettes. The answer is easy.

The showman and his Buddha that gives immortality is well known. He promises that his wooden image of Buddha will double all money placed in the figure's possession. The showman takes the money offered, wraps it into a small bundle, and places it inside the image. A few gesticulations and incantations and it's practically all over. The small wand is handed the other, and true enough, it is approximately double its original size. The owner is instructed to take the packet home, open it up for a half hour, and then open it. The wand is invariably blank paper.